THE PUBLIC PREMISES (EVICTION OF UNAUTHORISED OCCUPANTS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1992

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE. VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION IN BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) महोदया, बिहार के विधान सभा सदस्यों के संरक्षण के लिए मैं आपसे और आपके द्वारा सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि बिहार में जिस तरह से जंगल राज चल रहा है और उसके साथ-साथ ... **(व्यवधान)** महोदया, बिहार की विधान सभा में जो तांडव नृत्य हो रहा है जिस तरह से आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहता हूं महोदया, वहां बिहार विधान सभा सदस्यों के नेचुरल जस्टिस को दिलाया किया गया है ... **(व्यवधान)**.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): On a point of order...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You cannot raise a point of order if there is no business before the House. I haven't started anything. Now, Mr. Ahluwalia, I said yesterday it is a State matter...

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया: नहीं, मैडम, ये स्टेट मैटर है और यह राज्य सभा भी काउंसिल ऑफ स्टेट्स है और हमारी कांस्टीटुएंसी बिहार विधान सभा है। हमारा विधान सभा को राज्य सभा के सदस्यों की कांस्टीटुएंसी होती है... **(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA (Karnataka): How can he raise a State matter here?

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN (Kerala): How do you permit him to raise it here?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will answer it. Please sit down. I have not permited it.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया: महोदया, वहां पर जो कुछ हो रहा है वह बहुत ही गंभीर बात है। महोदया, मैं कुछ तथ्य... **(व्यवधान)**

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) महोदया, परंपराएं तोड़ी जा रही हैं ... **(व्यवधान)**...संविधान के खिलाफ काम हो रहा है... **(व्यवधान)**... भारत सरकार बिहार सरकार को तत्काल भंग करे।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, you cannot raise the issue of a State Assembly here. We might be Council of States or we are the Council of States. What happens of that nature in the State Assembly, we cannot discuss it in the House. I cannot allow you to discuss it.

(Interruptions)

SHRI K. G. MAHESHWARAPPA: But he is still speaking on it. This is discrimination. I was not allowed to raise a similar issue the other day....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I have not permitted him. I am asking him not to speak. *(Interruptions)* I am not allowing it. I am asking them not to speak. Mr. Ahluwalia, Dr. Pandey, please take your seat. I am not allowing you.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया: महोदया, एम०एल०एज० की सुरक्षा का सवाल है... **(व्यवधान)**...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: मैडम, सामान्य जनता की क्या हालत होगी, इसकी तो कल्पना भी नहीं की जा सकती है। वहां पर इतना अधिक अत्याचार, अनाचार व दुराचार हो रहा है।

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : महोदया, वहां के विधान सभा सदस्यों के साथ जो व्यवहार किया जा रहा है, वह अत्यंत ही अमानवीय है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : बिहार सरकार को भंग किया जाए।

उपसभापति : पाण्डेय जी, बैठिए। पाण्डेय जी, स्टेट एसेंबली के मामले को हाउस में नहीं उठाते हैं, बैठिए। (*Interruptions*) Mr. Ahluwalia, Dr. Panday, please take your seat. नारायणसामी बैठिए।

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : महोदया, वहां विधायकों का अपमान हो रहा है और सस्पेंशन हो रहा है।

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Madam, I am on a point of order...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is it?

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: From here you cannot hear me in this noise. Can I come to the front?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, not to the front. You can come to the mike closest to you.

(*Interruptions*)

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : महोदया, बिहार में लोकतंत्र की हत्या हो रही है।

उपसभापति : प्लीज बैठिए, पाण्डेय जी, अब बैठिए। बहुत बात हो गयी आपकी, तशरीफ रखिए।

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Madam, yesterday's first question for oral answers was mine. While putting my supplementary I cited a Telugu saying... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Please sit down.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Pandey-ji, please sit down...(*Interruptions*)... You see, it is a matter of the State Assembly and we do not take the matters of the State Assembly here. However serious the matter might be, the Assembly should decide about it. So, we cannot take these issues in the House here... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: You are denying justice to the Members...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please take your seat...(*Interruptions*)... Please take your seat... (*Interruptions*) ... All of you, please sit down... (*Interruptions*)...Please take your seats... (*Interruptions*)...That matter is over now...(*Interruptons*)... We have got the Budget discussion. I have also to make some announcement and I have to ask for the consent of the House. Please take your seats...(*Interruptions*)...We have got some other very important business...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Ahluwalia, I am not permitting anything...(*Interruptions*)... I am not permitting anything...(*Interruptions*)

DR. NARRADDY THULASI REDDY: Madam, I am on my point of order... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not permitting anything...(*Interruptions*) ...Yes, Mr. Jacob...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Thulasi Reddy, please go back to your seat from the Well. I have to run the House... (*Interruptions*)... It is not your right that when you ask, I should give it to you... (*Interruptions*)...If it is convenient only. I will allow...(*Interruptions*)... It does not mean that I should allow you immedaitely...(*Interruptions*)... Please go back to your seat ...(*Interruptions*)... No meaning is there for the point of order...(*Interruptions*)... Don't argue with me... (*Interruptions*)...All right. You sit here. People will know how the Members behave. I am happy about it...(*Interruptions*)...I am very happy about it. People will know...(*Interruptions*)...Yes, Mr. Jacob...(*Interruptions*)...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTR Y OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, can I say one word?...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is so much noise in the House. I can't allow you...(*Interruptions*)... I am not going to work under any pressure. You go back to your seat...(*Interruptions*)...I won't allow you if you behave like this...(*Interruptions*)...I won't allow you even if you sit here the whole day...(*Interruptions*)...I won't allow you...(*Interruptions*)... No. Don't talk like this...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Madam my humble suggestion is that a point of order raised by a Member takes precedence over any other business...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You please sit down. You don't try to control your Members...(*Interruptions*)... You don't control your own Members when they come here and sit down in the well and you are telling me, you are telling the Chair, that I should allow? Can't you control your own Members?...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Jaipal Reddy was also trying to raise a point of order. But he did not come to the well of the House...(*Interruptions*)...Is this the way?...(*Interruptions*)...Mr. Reddy, you want me to name you today?...(*Interruptions*)...If you are going to speak a word now. I am going to name you...(*Interruptions*)... Please sit down...(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam, you kindly allow him...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will same you Mr. Reddy...(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): You cannot do that, Madam...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no ...(*Interruptions*)...I am not going to listen to you...(*Interruptions*)...Do what ever you like...(*Interruptions*)...You cannot threaten like this...(*Interruptions*)...You cannot threaten like this, I tell you...(*Interruptions*)...You cannot threaten like this...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Madam, there is no business before the House. So, what is the point of order on ?...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no business. There is no business before the House. So how can he raise a point of order?...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: There is no business before the House, Madam...(*Interruptions*)...You cannot be threatened...(*Interruptions*)...The Chair can never be threatened...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is not the way...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, you cannot succumb...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, there is no point of order during the Zero Hour...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: My humble submission is that the Chair threatening the Members is not good...(*Interruptions*)...It is not proper on the part of the Chair. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I say, don't cast aspersions on the Chair. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: I have a right to protest. You cannot threaten Members not to speak in the House. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't shout. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: I have a right to portest.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, please sit down, just a minute. Members do not know what is the meaning of Point of Order. If there is any business before the House, you can raise a point of order. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute please. Please read the book. (*Interruptions*) Take your seats. Please sit down. Take your seats. Please sit down. Take your seats. I am asking Mr. Ahluwalia to sit down. (*Interruptions*) When he came and sat down in the well, I did not even know what he was trying to say.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We have been trying to catch your eye for the last ten or fifteen minutes, but you are limiting your eyes to Mr. Ahluwalia and that side only. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, we are all keen to maintain the decorum and dignity of this House. In fact, when Mr. Thulasi Reddy came and sat in the well of the House, these were the Members of the Opposition who persuaded him to go back. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: The way in which you threatened the hon. Members of this House is unbecoming of this House. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त (मध्य प्रदेश) : यह मतलब क्या है, यह बैठ भी नहीं सकते ? यह तमाशा क्या है ?

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SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: I want the reaction of the Home Minister on the issue of Bihar. Let the Home Minister... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That matter is closed. That matter is closed for me.

†[] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Before we allow the Home Minister to make a statement on Bihar, I would like to raise a point. There is a virtual breakdown of the constitutional machinery in Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Government even did not submit the regular Budget. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. I am not permitting the Home Minister to mention anything about Bihar.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: The Government of Andhra Pradesh did not present the regular Budget, because they are going to meet in Tirupati for their plenary session. This is most shameful, and this is a breakdown of the constitutional machinery in Andhra Pradesh. The A.I.C.C. is using Andhra Pradesh for partisan purposes. This also must be discussed. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On the issue of Bihar I am not allowing anybody to speak any more. (*Interruptions*)

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): You please allow him. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Tirupati meetings are the meetings of the Congress Party and they have nothing to do with the Budget presentation in Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister is on record, he has clearly stated that because of the Tirupati plenary session, he is not going to present the regular Budget in the House. And he is doing away with the Vote on Account. It is a shameful affair. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Madam, we want the protection of the MLAs. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ahluwalia, this matter of Bihar, I said yesterday and I am saying today, is a Bihar Assembly matter. It cannot be taken up on the floor of the House. That is all.

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Madam, I am demanding the protection of MLAs (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Andhra Pradesh also. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam I humbly request you to withdraw your own words that you will name him.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not going to withdraw any word.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: That is not fair, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not going to withdraw. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Once again I appeal to you. Kindly permit him to raise talk for a minute. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Who wants to raise? He or you?

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Dr. Thulasi Reddy.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thulasi Reddy. (*Interruptions*) I am not allowing you all. I am allowing Mr. Thulasi Reddy. Let him at least be compensated for coming to the well and lying down.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Thank you, Madam.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is about the State Assembly or about yourself?

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Madam, yesterday's first question for oral answer was mine. While putting my first supplementary, I told a Telugu saying regarding the Ramayana in a sense of humour. Afterwards, I told some facts relating to the State of Andhra Pradesh. So, I used these words in a sense of humour. But, unfortunately, to my surprise, in today's telecasting, 60 per cent of my first supplementary was censored. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me hear him.

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: 60 per cent of my first supplementary is censored. This Telugu saying, again translated into English was also censored. (*Interruptions*) So, I would like to know to who has censored it. Why did it happen? I want to know whether TV is allergic to Ramayana, whether TV is allergic to Andhra Pradesh, whether TV is allergic to the Telugu language, whether TV is allergic to Thulasi Reddy, whether TV is allergic to the sense of humour. I want a clarification on this matter. (*Interruptions*)

श्री प्रमोद महाजन (महाराष्ट्र): महोदया, इसमें मैं केवल एक चीज जोड़ना चाहता हूं। कल मैंने भी सप्लीमेंट्री पूछी थी... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Madam... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You requested me to allow him, I allowed him. Why everybody is getting up? (*Interruptions*) I allowed Mr. Thulasi Reddy. Why everybody is getting up?

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, we want your ruling.

आपकी रूलिंग चाहिये, महोदया। (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will find out. (*Interruptions*) Just a minute.

मुझे अपना जवाब देने दीजिए।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, what is your ruling? (*Interruptions*)

श्री एन० के० पी० साल्वे: महोदया, हमारी सुन लीजिए जवाब देने से पहले। .... (व्यवधान)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Reddy, I will find out what the problem is. Until and unless I find out the facts, I

cannot give you an answer and a ruling on it. Let me find out. I will let you know tomorrow.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, who is the censoring authority? Is it the Chairman or... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: The crucial question is, are the bureaucrats allowed to ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Is it the responsibility of the chairman or Doordarshan to see as to what is to be telecast? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): You are in the Chair. Who is censoring? (*Interruptions*). You are the final authority.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not the final authority for anything in this House. It is for the Chairman to give permission. It is under the directions of the Chairman. Why are you asking me?

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: You please find out who are those people. The original understanding was that whatever is allowed to be said in the House, would be telecast... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: My supplementary was censored along with what the Chairman himself had said.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I am on a specific point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no point of order.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA (Rajasthan): My suggestion is, if you consider it fit, that all this controversy of the Doordarshan will end if Doordarshan telecasts the proceedings live from 11 A.M. to 12 noon. Whatever we are discussing should be telecast live between 11 A.M. and 12 noon, instead of showing it next morning.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You discuss it with the Chairman. I have nothing to do. It is for the Chairman to decide, not me.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, you called me... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: The bureaucrats I understand are tampering with something which the Chairman allows himself. How can that be censored by bureaucrats?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam,..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How can I allow you, Mr. Jaipal Reddy? How can I allow three people to gether? Mr. Salve is already speaking.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: I can understand Chairman directing something; I bow down to Chairman directing something but if at all it is to be censored, that is in the interest of the dignity of the House. But even whatever is allowed by the Chairman is censored here. If my question is allowed, if somebody's question is allowed, who are the bureaucrats to censor it? After all, what is the criteria? There has to be a criteria and if we violate it, it can be censored. But we must know what the criteria is and where we stand.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The matter is over now. After what Mr. Salve has said, the matter is closed.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): What is your ruling? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Madam, the General Purposes ommittee can go into it.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: There should be live telecast.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: General Purposes Committee can go into all this.

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (हरियाणा) : महोदया, दो दिन पहले जयपाल रेडडी जी ने यह सवाल उठाया था। रोज यह मसला उठता है। आप कहती हैं चेयरमैन सैंसर करते हैं। चेयरमैन के नाम पर

[श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज]

सेक्रेटेरियेट सेंसर करता है और सेक्रेटेरियेट सेंसर करते समय यह बिल्कुल नहीं देखता कि यह चीज दिखाए जाने वाली है कि नहीं बल्कि अपनी व्हिम्स के ऊपर सेक्रेटेरियेट सेंसर करता है। इसलिए मैं आपसे कहना चाहती हूं, उस दिन भी मैंने आपको यह सुझाव दिया था कि अगर डॉयरेक्ट टेलीकास्ट पॉसिबल नहीं है तो एक सर्वदलीय समिति बनाई जाए, वह देखे क्या चीज कटनी है, क्या नहीं कटनी है। हाऊस की गरिमा हमारे मेंबर्स से ज्यादा कोई नहीं देख सकता। सेक्रेटेरियेट ठेकेदार बना हुआ है इस बात का कि क्या दिखाएंगे, क्या नहीं दिखाएंगे। चेयरमैन का केवल नाम लिया जाता है लेकिन सेक्रेटेरियेट सेंसर करता है। इसलिए मैंने आपसे दो दिन पहले भी कहा था, जब जयपाल रेड्डी जी ने यह मसला उठाया था, कि हाऊस की कमेटी बननी चाहिए। यह देखे क्या कटना है, क्या नहीं कटना। हाऊस की गरिमा हम से ज्यादा कोई नहीं सुरक्षित रख सकता। कम से कम सेक्रेटेरियेट तो बिल्कुल नहीं रख सकता। यहां रख सकता होता तो रोज यह मसला नहीं उठता। डेली यह मसला उठता है... (**व्यवधान**)

उपसभापति : सुषमा जी, आपकी बात पूरी हो गई, बैठिए... (**व्यवधान**) जयपाल रेड्डी जी आपकी क्या समस्या है? दूरदशन है, कि टेलीकास्ट है?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, I wish to draw the attention of the House..

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Madam, you have not given any directive at all. This is a very serious matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I said very clearly. I cannot give any directive. This matter should not be raised on the floor of the House. This matter should be raised in the Business Advisory Committee, or, the General Purposes Committee. That ends the matter.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: What will happen if today's proceedings also are censored tomorrow? It is going to happen. It is happening every day. Therefore, we should put an end to this matter. Who is censoring it? Who has been given the authority? This should be decided here and now.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, the bureaucrats can censor it. Do we understand that this is your ruling? (*Interruptions*) It is a very regrettable state of affairs that the Chairman should entrust this work to the bureaucrats to censor what we are talking in the House. I am afraid, this kind of a situation will never be acceptable to anybody in the House. (*Interruptions*) Let the Chairman decide it. Or, let us know what the criteria are. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Then, there is no necessity to telecast it at all. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Make it live. That is the answer.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: There is no need to elevise it. Remove these cameras. (*Interruptions*) There is no need. You can remove these three cameras.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: After Question Hour. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Madam, I feel very strongly about it. Rather than subject us to this kind of humiliation, you better remove these three cameras.

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: We cannot agree with this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: How can anything which has been allowed by the Chairman be censored? It is a question of breach of privilege. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The television matter is over.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Madam, please tell us the procedure. We should put an end to this matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are not understanding my language. Let me speak very slowly. This matter is not in my hands. What happened in this House today has to be dismissed in the Business Advisory Committee, not with me. You discuss the matter with the Chairman. Shall I repeat it again?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: This is the forum where we can ventilate our grievances.

Re. Award of a contract to a Swedish Company by Railways

THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Madam, I wish to draw the attention of the entire House, cutting across party lines. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Order please.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I draw the attention of the House to a mega scandal. This relates to the award of a contract worth 190 million dollars to the Swedish company, ABB, by the Railway Ministry. The hon. Railway Minister, Mr. Jaffer Sharief, in his reply to the debate on the Railway Budget, gave certain clarifications, and, today, his Department has come out with a Press statement. The statements are false, (a) on account of that being the cheapest, and (b), on account of that being the proven technology. On both these counts, the statements are belied by the documents I have. I have six documents. I am prepared to lay them on the Table of the House, by authenticating them. This is a mega scandal involving foreign exchange. I would request Congress (I) Members to listen to me. I am sure they will support me. What I am trying to tell you is, the public sector undertaking, namely, BHEL, has been ignored, to favour a foreign company, though the public sector undertaking offered better terms, with world-proven technology. I am prepared to prove my contention through these documents.

Madam, I must say this in fairness to the Department of Economic Affairs of the Finance Ministry, that they opposed the award of the contract to the foreign company. In spite of that, the Railway Ministry proceeded with the award of the contract to the Swedish company, ABB. I, therefore, demand a statement from the Ministry, a discussion in the House, and an enquiry by a Joint Parliamentary Committee. I am prepared to prove it here with documentary evidence. If the Chair permits, I am prepared to lay them on the Table of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you cant. I have not permitted. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): We all support this. There should be a full debate on this.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): It is a very serious affair and the Government must make a statement.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh): I have raised the issue of privilege.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have you given the notice? (*Interruptions*). If you have given, that is all right, it will go to the Chairman for his consideration. (*Interruptions*). Just a minute. Mr. Jacob is saying something.

श्री ईश दत्त यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मैं जयपाल रेड्डी जी की बात का समर्थन करता हूं। रेल मंत्री जी को इस पर बयान देना चाहिए और यह कांट्रेक्ट कैंसिल होना चाहिए। इसमें जो लोग दोषी पाये जायें उनके खिलाफ एक्शन लिया जाना चाहिए। 17 तारीख को मैंने भी इसी हाउस में इसी बात को उठाया था और आज जयपाल रेड्डी जी ने उठाया है। मैं इस बात का पुरजोर समर्थन करता हूं और मांग करता हूं कि रेल मंत्री जी इस पर अपना बयान दें और इस पर एक्शन भी लेना चाहिए। **(व्यवधान)**